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INTRODUCTION

Who are we?

The Public Legal Education Society is a non-profit organization incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of Nova Scotia. Since 1982 the organization has provided understandable information and resources on the law to the general public. PLE operates with a community-based Board of Directors, several full time staff members and the assistance of hundreds of volunteers. Core funding has been provided by the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the Department of Justice, Canada and through individual donations.

PLE's Mission

Our mission is to help Nova Scotians to understand the law so they can:
- ☐ deal with legal problems
- ☐ teach others about the law, and
- ☐ act on their rights and responsibilities.

We have a mandate to make the law understandable and accessible to the people of Nova Scotia. We believe that providing easy access to information on the law is a cornerstone in the construction of a fair justice system.

What do we do?

Public Legal Education Society

- ☐ offers a toll-free telephone information and referral service
- ☐ publishes booklets and pamphlets on the law which are available free or for a very small fee
- ☐ organizes law classes, conferences, seminars, and training opportunities for individuals and groups
- ☐ maintains a library of general legal materials from which the public may borrow
- ☐ develops materials for teachers and students
- ☐ works with libraries, community groups and others to make information on the law easily available
- ☐ provides speakers through a Speakers Bureau
- ☐ undertakes special projects for women, youth, seniors and others
- ☐ distributes legal materials produced by other organizations
- ☐ works with government and the community to help Nova Scotians act on their rights and responsiblities

PLE Fan Mail

(comments directed toward PLE and our quarterly newsletter, PLE News)

"I appreciate the information enclosed in your newsletter. I find it very educational and informative."

"My congratulations on an excellent program of publications and presentations - you make my job easier, more enjoyable and we are all more knowledgeable on this end, thanks."

"I and people I've referred to your number have received excellent service. Keep up the good work!!"

"The relationship among community services, education, health and the justice system need continual attention. PLE has a vital role to play in fostering co-operation as a member of the team."

"I appreciate hearing what is going on in the field of law, particularly in terms of implications in the school system."

"I find it most helpful and informative both from a public policy and a constituency casework perspective. Keep up the good work."

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR

- **Third Annual Law Day Luncheon**, held April 18 with guest speaker William Deverell, our celebration of Law Day
- **Children in the Justice System** Conference
- **Seniors and the Law Project**
- **Teaching Human Rights** inservices for teachers
- Publication with Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland and Community Legal Information Association of Prince Edward Island of a **Feasibility Study on Training Video Needs for Professionals Dealing with Child Sexual Abuse**
- Establishment of several volunteer committees to begin work on a new five year strategic plan for PLE

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

I am now completing my first year as President of the Public Legal Education Society. It has been a good year for PLE, as we continue to provide useful services to the people of Nova Scotia.

This year the Society has made further efforts to try to solidify its funding base. The **Law Foundation of Nova Scotia** has recognized our need to project future funding, and has given us a generous three year grant. We hope that the **Province of Nova Scotia,** through the Attorney General's department, will recognize the services provided by PLE by committing annual funding to the Society. Contributions from the bar - both individual donations and a grant from the **Nova Scotia Barristers' Society** - have also been important.

1989 will be remembered by many as the year of the Marshall Inquiry. The Inquiry has examined closely our criminal justice system and particularly its treatment of Native and Black Nova Scotians. The Commissioneers have heard how important it is that people understand their basic legal rights and that they understand the laws that govern them. PLE's work in making law understandable and accessible to the public started well before 1989, and will continue. And in 1990 we will be placing a special emphasis on the legal information and education needs of Native and Black Nova Scotians.

During my first year as President, the Society has continued in the process of strategic planning that flowed from the On-site Analysis conducted in the fall of 1988. Committees composed of Board members, staff and PLE volunteers have analysed the work of PLE, and projected what directions they think the Society should be taking in the future. The 5-year Strategic Plan which will result from this process will assist us in fulfilling our goals in the most effective and efficient way possible. This is particularly necessary given the seemingly constant financial constraints under which we operate.

It has been a real pleasure for me to work closely with PLE volunteers, staff and Board members. Their dedication appears to know no bounds. Special thanks are directed to Thelma Costello, our Executive Director, who has provided the constant and strong leadership which to a large extent makes the PLE Society what it is today.

Susan Ashley, President

THIRD ANNUAL LAW DAY LUNCHEON

Guest Speaker:
William Deverell
Novelist

Halifax Sheraton
Halifax, Nova Scotia
April 18, 1989

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The Public Legal Education Society

Since 1982 the PLE Society has been providing Nova Scotians with information on our laws and legal system.

The Society

- offers a toll-free telephone information and referral service
- publishes pamphlets, booklets, and curriculum resources
- offers free or low-cost law classes for the public
- works with regional libraries, community groups, and others to make information on the law available
- assists in organizing conferences and workshops
- provides expert speakers, and
- helps with curriculum development for teachers of law.

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ird Annual Law Day Luncheon

In honour of Law Day, and to celebrate the Society's year-long effort to promote a better public understanding of the law, we are having our Third Annual Law Day Luncheon.

Special Guest Speaker

Our very special guest speaker this year is nov William Deverell. William Deverell's backgro as a civil liberties lawyer and controversial trial lawyer has led him to experience first-hand the worlds he writes about, and gives authenticity to characters and the intricate plots he weaves.

Deverell was a busy, successful practicing lawyer until about eleven years ago when he decided to fulfill a lifelong dream and become a full-time novelist. However, Deverell likes to get back into court at least once a year to keep his hand in it. His last sensational trial was in 1986/87 when he defended Robert Frisbee, accused of murdering his employer, a wealthy widow, during an Alaskan cruise aboard the Royal Viking Star. To achieve the kind of realism his novels rely on, Deverell often engages in unusual research. For his latest book PLATINUM BLUES he spent a wild two weeks on the road with rock star Bryan Adams and Loverboy, experiencing the life of a rocker first-hand.

Deverell's previous four bestselling novels, NEEDLES, HIGH CRIMES, MECCA, and THE DANCE OF SHIVA have been published in Canada, the U.S., and the U.K., in hardcover and paperback and have also been translated and published in numerous foreign language editions. In addition, Deverell has produced five radio plays, created the concept for **Street Legal**, and has completed five feature-length filmscripts.

Proceeds from the luncheon will be used to further the work of the Society. Tax receipts will be issued for the maximum amount allowed by law.

Join us for lunch on April 18. Celebrate Law Day with us and help us work toward a better public understanding of the law!

PEOPLE AT PLE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Apppointments to the Board are for two years, and are made at the Annual General Meeting in June.

At December 1989, the Board of Directors included:

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Executive Secretary
Royal Commission on the
Donald Marshall Jr. Pros..
Halifax, NS

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Halifax, NS

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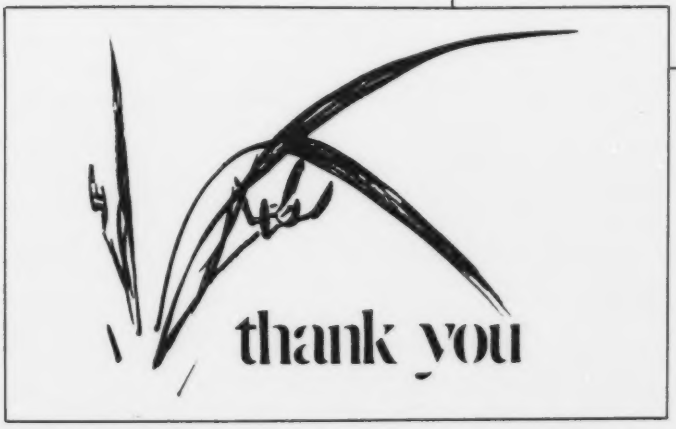
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VOLUNTEERS

The extent and success of our programs is due in largely to the many volunteers who are so willing to help.

Our volunteers are very important to us. They tip the scales in our favour and help to make PLE's programs and projects a success. The Society could not begin to address its mandate without the help of these dedicated, hard-working people.

Volunteers serve on our Board of Directors and on Committees, help organize programs in their areas, assist our project workers, and sell tickets to our Annual Law Day Luncheon.

Our speakers' list has on it the members of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, most of the Judges in our province, and a number of knowledgeable civil servants and professionals in other fields. These people are called on constantly to give lectures, edit materials, update our staff on the law and provide assistance and advice to our researchers.

In July, a Volunteer Development Committee was established to make recommendations on how to enhance and further develop volunteer involvement. The Committee made training and development for the Board of Directors an immediate priority and organized a Board Orientation Seminar. Bill VanGorder, Assistant Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA facilitated the successful evening seminar held in October. The Committee has also been involved in the development of volunteer job descriptions, making plans for a volunteer recognition program and will continue in an ongoing assessment and practical encouragement of volunteer participation.

The HEART of every non-profit organization!

STAFF

As in past years, the Society was fortunate to have committed and talented people on staff during 1989, despite the short term nature of much of its funding. In addition to the core funding received from the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia, the Department of Justice and the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, grants which allowed staff to be hired were received from Canada Employment and Immigration, Secretary of State and Health and Welfare Canada. While staff are usually hired to conduct special projects, they willingly undertake additional tasks so that we can do our job more effectively.

Full and Part time in 1989 were:

Thelma Costello, B.A., LL.B.	Executive Director
Rhonda Perron, Diploma - Business	Executive Secretary
Christina Hubbard, Diploma - Business	Receptionist/Secretary
Maria G. Franks, B.A. Law (Hons)	Manager, Publication Program
Peter Webster, B.A., M.L.S.	Reference Librarian
Erica Garrett	Bookkeeper

For part of the year:

Lyle Sutherland	Project Manager
Vicki Trainer	Conference Co-ordinator
Dawn Howell	Project Manager
Kathryn Gillard	Public Relations Co-ordinator
Brenda MacDougall	Administrative Assistant
Janice Pottie	Library Assistant
Carol Millet	Project Manager
Jim Newland	Researcher
Ann Marie Kent	Programming Assistant

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Employment Law: An Introduction

For most of us, working for a living is one of the most central aspects of our lives. On average we spend up to 1/4 of our adult time "at work". It is not surprising, then, that a large and complex body of laws have developed to regulate this area.

This pamphlet outlines those laws and highlights some of the most common legal issues that arise at work. It will not provide solutions to specific problems but will give you general information about employment law. If you have a specific problem you should seek the advice of a lawyer or government agency that deals with your problem area. There are names and phone numbers at the end of this pamphlet.

Defining Employment Law

Most of the laws about employment are made by the federal and provincial governments. These laws are referred to as legislation. Which laws relate to you depend on whether your employer is regulated by the provincial government or by the federal government.

Federally regulated employers include interprovincial transportation and communications, banks, and federal crown corporations. Their employees are protected by federal laws such as the Canada Labour Code and the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Most Nova Scotia employers are regulated by the provincial government. Their employees are protected by provincial laws such as the Nova Scotia Labour Standards Code and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act.

If you are unsure about which level of government regulates your employer, call the Labour Standards Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Labour. They will be able to advise you.

Some important employment rights are not found in laws made by the government, but are part of our common-law, or judge-made law. This sort of law (known as case law) includes many of the old rules developed by English judges before there were laws made by government, and also includes rulings by judges as to what those laws mean.

These judge-made rules were often heavily slanted in favour of employers, so many of the rules have been replaced by employme legislation. The one area where the common-law may be more generous than the legislation is wrongful dismissal. This discussed later in the brochure.

Defining "Employee"

☐ Who is an "employee"?

Not everyone who works for someor an "employee". Many people are self-employed and work for others independent contractors. The leg

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Discrimination in employment

Most Canadians have come to believe that all of us should be able to live our lives free from discrimination. Our human rights laws exist to protect what we now regard as our right to live and work free from discrimination.

This pamphlet tells you what protection the law provides against discriminatory behavior by employers. It is one of a series of pamphlets on Employment Law prepared by the Public Legal Education Society. You should also read the first in the series, called Employment Law: An Introduction.

Between them the Canadian and Nova Scotia Human Rights laws forbid discrimination by employers and fellow employees on the following grounds:

	Federal	Provincial
• sex	✓	✓
• race	✓	✓
• religion or creed	✓	✓
• colour	✓	✓
• ethnic or national origin	✓	✓
• physical or mental disability	✓	✓
• marital status	✓	✓
• age	✓	40 & over
• criminal conviction for which a pardon has been granted	✓	-
• family status	✓	-

These are often referred to as "prohibited grounds of discrimination" and they apply to every aspect of employment from job advertising, through hiring and promotion to dismissal.

The Canadian Human Rights Act applies to employees in interprovincial transportation and communications, banks, offshore fisheries, federal crown corporations and the federal government. It is administered by the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The Nova Scotia Human Rights Act applies to all other employees in the province.

What is discrimination?

Discrimination has been defined as "... a distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference which is based on one of a number of specified grounds (as listed above) and which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the right of every person to full and equal recognition and exercise of ... human rights and freedoms". In other words discrimination is an unreasonable distinction between people or classes of people which has the effect of denying normal rights and privileges to some while granting them to others.

What must you show to establish that you are a victim of discrimination in employment? You must show one of three things:

1. Discriminatory motive or intent by your employer; or
2. Unequal treatment on the base of a prohibited ground; or

PROSTITUTES AND THE LAW: Part 1

This pamphlet is for women who work the streets.

It tells you about

- your legal rights on the street
- your rights when dealing with the police
- your rights in your home or workplace
- your rights if you are arrested
  - what happens if you are taken to court
- what happens if you get a criminal record
- where to find
  - a lawyer
  - help when going to court
  - help on the street or in emergencies

The pamphlet provides general legal information only. You can get more help from the groups listed at the end of it.

Your legal rights on the street

Do I have a right to stand or walk on the streets without being harassed by the police?

You have this right unless you are breaking a law, such as using drugs or causing a disturbance.

Do I have to tell the police who I am or what I am doing?

There is no law that says you must talk to the police. You do not have to give them your name or show them any I.D. unless they have arrested you.

If the police want me to get into the back of the police car, do I have to get in?

You do not have to get in a police car or go anywhere with the police unless you are under arrest.

What if the police insist that I talk to them and answer their questions?

You have the right to know why you are being questioned. You have the right to know if you have been arrested. If the police do not tell you, you can ask them.

Do I have to let the police search me or my purse?

A police officer cannot search you or your purse

- unless you have been arrested.
- unless you are in a place they are searching for drugs and they believe you have drugs on you.
- unless they believe that you are carrying a weapon such as a gun or a knife.

PROSTITUTES AND THE LAW: Part 2

This pamphlet is for women who work the streets.

It tells you about the four laws that police are most likely to use with prostitutes, with people who spend time with prostitutes and with customers of prostitutes:

- An offence in relation to prostitution
- Living on the avails of prostitution
- Attempting to obtain sexual services from a child
- Keeping a bawdy house

It also tells you about other laws that affect prostitutes...

- Assault and sexual assault
- Loitering and causing a disturbance

An offence in relation to prostitution

This means working on the street.

Right now, you will not be charged with this law in Nova Scotia.

In May, 1987, the courts in Nova Scotia decided that this law goes against your rights under the constitution.

But a higher court - the Supreme Court of Canada - is looking at the law right now.

It may decide the law should not be used anywhere in Canada. Or, it may decide the law should be used everywhere - including Nova Scotia.

Right now, if you are working in most other provinces, you can be charged with this offence. To be guilty of this offence in other provinces,

- you must be in a public place or any place open to public view. Public view includes a motor vehicle such as a car or a truck.

And you must also do one of these things:

- stop or try to stop a motor vehicle, or
- get in the way of people who are walking, or
- get in the way of the traffic, or
- get in the way of other people going into or out of a building near you, or
- stop or try to stop a person, or
- talk to or make a sign to a person

And you must also be doing one of these things for the purpose of engaging in prostitution or of obtaining the sexual services of a prostitute.

Engaging in prostitution means selling sex for money.

Both you and your date can be charged with an offence in relation to prostitution.

The most you can get if you are found guilty of this offence is a fine of $2000, or six months in jail, or both the fine and the jail sentence.

Remember, right now you will not be charged with this offence in Nova Scotia.

Publishing Services

In April, the Society created the position of Publication Program Manager. The manager is responsible for existing publications, initiating new ones, and developing policies and an overall strategy for the Society's publication program.

A Publication Review Committee was struck in July as part of the strategic planning process. The Committee will make recommendations to the Strategic Planning Committee on future directions for the publishing program and how it can best meet the goals of the Society and the needs of Nova Scotians.

In 1989 the Society published several pamphlets and other resources. By far the most popular was the Seniors and the Law kit. It was produced as part of the Seniors and the Law project funded through a contribution from the Health Promotion Directorate, Health and Welfare Canada. Over 1000 kits were distributed in 1989. In addition over 4000 individual pamphlets from the kit were distributed.

Other materials published in 1989:

- ☐ Prostitutes and the Law, Parts 1 & 2
- ☐ An Introduction to Employment Law
- ☐ Discrimination in Employment
- ☐ Getting Paid
- ☐ Training Video Needs Study for professionals dealing with child sexual abuse.

Pamphlets are distributed free, booklets are priced at $3.50, and other publications are priced according to the costs of production.

Over 62,000 pamphlets were distributed in 1989. The Society also sold or distributed over 3000 copies of its other publications. Materials are used by individuals, teachers and other educators, lawyers, police, community groups and government departments.

Marla G. Franks
Publication Program Manager

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Social Assistance Information
for Advocacy Workers
in Nova Scotia
Public Legal
Education
Advocacy mean?
Guide be of any use to me?
for the help I need?
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Handicapped people enforce?
Public Legal
Education
Landlord do if your rent is late?
and landlords be friends?
Tenant have any rights at all?
Law is not a big mystery?
in a lease?
Nova Scotia?
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Striking
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Bargain
Consumer Law for Nova Scotians
Public Legal
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Trial and Error:
Our Legal History
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PLE provides free information on the law to the public. We have brochures, booklets, films and school resources. Call us for help.

Following is a list of resources currently published by the Society:

Booklets and Manuals

General Interest

Advocacy Guide for the Physically Handicapped

Landlord and Tenant Law in Nova Scotia

No Big Secret: Social Assistance Information for Advocacy Workers in Nova Scotia

Non-Profit Organizations: A Nova Scotia Guide

Seniors and the Law

Striking a Bargain: Consumer Law in Nova Scotia

Taking your Case to Small Claims Court

Trial and Error: Our Legal History

Understanding the Charter: A Nova Scotia Guide to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Wills and Estate Law in Nova Scotia

Teaching Aids and Community Resources

Drugs and the Law: A Guide for Students and Teachers

Family Violence: An Annotated Bibliography

Fine Print: A Guide to Law Materials for Nova Scotians, 2nd edition

Laying Down the Law: An Advocate's Manual on Family Violence

Letter of the Law: A Legal Research Guide

Teaching Human Rights: A Casebook for Senior High Teachers

Training Video Needs for Professionals Dealing with Child Sexual Abuse

Women in Conflict, Women as Victims: A Criminal Justice Training Manual

Young Offenders Act - Purpose and Application: a teaching package for Junior High Social Studies, Gr 9 level

Criminal Law: Being a Witness

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Criminal Law: Peace Bonds

Introduction

Has someone threatened to harm you, your family, or your property? The law says that nobody should be threatened or assaulted -and it offers you the protection of a "peace bond" if you fear for your safety.

This pamphlet explains how to apply for a peace bond, what it can do for you, and what steps to take if a peace bond is broken.

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How does the criminal law affect young people in our community?

What will happen if my child, or young neighbour or friend is accused of a crime?

Criminal law: The Young Offenders Act

VIOLENCE in the Family

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Changing your name or your child's name

Maya and John Saunders have been married for 15 years. At the time of their wedding, Maya followed the usual custom and took John's last name as her own. In the past few years, however, she's become involved in women's rights and issues. Although she's still happily married, Maya has decided she'd like to start using her birth name, McKenna.

Raymond White's grandfather changed his name to White from LeBlanc more than 60 years ago, hoping to fit into an English-speaking community more easily. The family has been known as White ever since. Raymond, however, has decided to change his name to LeBlanc because he wants to reclaim his Acadian heritage.

Like Raymond and Maya, you too may wish to change your name. But how do you go about doing so? Is it expensive? Does your new name have to be formally registered? This pamphlet has been prepared by the Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia to answer these and other questions you may have about changing your name.

Informal Change

Changing your name informally is free of charge and surprisingly simple. All you have to do is tell your friends and business contacts about your new name and start using it (as long, of course, as the change is not for any illegal reason, such as fraud or to avoid debts). There's no need to go through

a formal registration u[nless] you want to, or if

you start running into businesses or govern[ment] refuse to accept you

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A guide to jury duty

JoAnne Whitney was going through her mail one morning when she found a notice telling her to appear for jury duty. JoAnne was surprised and concerned. Like most people, she had never expected to be called for jury duty; the notice had arrived from out of the blue. She was worried because she had just started a new job. Would her boss dock her pay if she missed a few days, or even several days, of work? Much worse, was there a chance that she might lose her job?

Burt Jacobson also received a notice to appear for jury duty. Burt, who had retired a year earlier, had always been interested in the workings of the law. He looked forward to a chance to learn more about courtroom procedures, and to perform what he knew was an important public service. But Burt also wondered what to expect. What type of case might he be sitting on? Was he qualified to be a juror? And how had he been chosen?

This pamphlet will answer these and many other questions for Nova Scotians who may, someday, find a jury duty notice in their mail. It has been prepared by the Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia to explain the responsibilities of a juror, and to describe the kind of experience you can expect if you are called to jury duty.

General Information

☐ **Who is eligible to be a juror?**

Jury service used to be limited to people who owned property and who were between the ages of 19 and 65. Their names were selected from county tax assessment rolls. Recently, however, the laws have been changed to bring them in line with the equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which forbids discrimination on any basis.

Today, all registered voters in Nova Scotia are eligible for jury duty. Jurors must be 18 or over and must be Canadian citizens. Jurors must have lived within the jury district for the past 12 months.

However, there is one exception: you're not permitted to sit on a jury if you've served two years or more in jail on a criminal offence. This disqualification still holds true, although it has been challenged in some recent cases as a form of discrimination under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

☐ **How are jurors chosen?**

Nova Scotia is divided into 18 jury districts, each with a jury committee that is responsible for drawing up a JURY LIST. The jury committee is made up of a jury officer, who chairs the committee, a representative of each municipal unit in the district and a representative appointed by the Attorney General.

Pamphlets (Free)

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Family Law
Adoption
Changing your Name
Common Law Relationships
Custody and Access
Family Court
Maintenance
Money Problems
Violence in the Family

Criminal Law
A Guide to Jury Duty
Being A Witness
Drinking and Driving
Peace Bonds
Possession of Drugs
Prostitutes and the Law, Part 1
Prostitutes and the Law, Part 2
Sentencing
Sexual Assault
You and the Police
The Young Offenders Act
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Employment Law
An Introduction
Discrimination in Employment
Getting Paid

Seniors and the Law
Elder Abuse - Adult Protection Act
Homes for Special Care
Guardianship of Adults
Patients' Rights
Public Trustee
When you need help to manage in your home ...
Powers of Attorney

Wills and Estate Law
Duties of an executor
Who looks after your will when you die?
How to obtain probate
Removing an executor or stepping down

In addition to our own publications, we distribute those from other groups and from government. Examples are: **The Law and Older Nova Scotians, Understanding The Law: A Guide for Women in Nova Scotia**, pamphlets published by the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the federal and provincial governments and other agencies.

LEARN ABOUT THE LAW

For Information Contact The Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia

1127 Barrington Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 2P8 (902) 423-7154

Law Classes, Workshops and Conferences

A major service area of the Society is the provision of speakers and resources on the law to community groups, the organization of law courses, usually offered through community schools, Continuing Education Departments of School Boards and Universities, and the provision of training and professional development opportunities for teachers, agency workers and others. In 1989 over 1100 people attended single sessions in 57 locations, and over 300 others attended conferences and workshops in several locations around the province.

Single sessions offered in 1989:

DATE:	TOPIC:	LOCATION:	CO-SPONSOR:
Jan 10	Wills & Estate Law	Windsor	Women's Network
Jan 11	Family Law	Stewiacke	Jolly Hour Association
Jan 11	Wills & Estate Law	River Bourgeois	Catholic Women's League
Jan 12	Wills & Estate Law	Dartmouth	Dartmouth Gyro Club
Jan 31	Employment Law	Sheet Harbour	Sheet Harbour Community School
Feb 2	Copyright Law	Halifax	Halifax City Librarians
Feb 2	Mediation	Sackville	Sackville Community School
Feb 7	Right to Farm	Musquodoboit Valley	Musquodoboit Valley Community School
Feb 10	Family Law	Kentville	Kingstec Community College
Feb 15	Wills & Estate Law	Musquodoboit Valley	Musquodoboit Valley CommunitySchool
Feb 17	Wills & Estate Law	Musquodoboit Valley	Musquodoboit Valley Community School
Feb 17	Employment Law	Dartmouth	Secretarial & Professional Skills Upgrading
Feb 17	Wills & Estate Law	Hubbards	Seasiders Senior Citizens Club
Feb 21	Environmental Law	Windsor Junction	George P. Vanier Jr. High School
Feb 23	Non-Profit Organizations	Musquodoboit Valley	Musquodoboit Valley Community School

Public Legal Education Society ...

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Clubs, church groups, community schools and special interest groups can get free speakers on topics such as wills and estates, family law, criminal consumer law. As long as your get an audience of 10 people, t **Legal Education Society** will he a speaker on the law. Our **Spe Bureau** includes a wide range professionals, government pe educators.

Do you want to have a speaker on the law at your next meeting?

Does your organization want to provide legal information for its members or your community?

Public Legal Education's Speakers Bureau can:

- help you find speakers on the law
- provide information on a broad range of legal topics
- back up speakers with inexpensive and often free materials.

Public legal Education

arranges speakers for free with only two conditions:

1. That the audience be at least ten people.
2. That you give us at least five to six weeks to set up the event.

Possible Topics:

Adoption
Administrative Law
Buying and Selling a Home
Childrens' Rights
Common-law Relationships
Constitution/ Charter of Rights
Consumer Law
Court System
Criminal Law
Divorce and Separation
Employment Law
Environmental Law
Family Law
Highway Traffic Law
Human Rights
Immigration
Income Tax
Labour
Landlord & Tenant
Lawyers
Legal System
Legal Aid
Mental Health & the Law
Municipal Law
Patients' Rights
Police Powers
Property Law
Social Assistance
Torts
Unemployment Insurance
Wills and Estates
Women and the Law
Youth & the Law
etc.

Planning a program for your Community?

You might want to spend $5.00 to purchase PLE's **Speaking of the Law... Program Information Kit.** The kit is a collection of materials centered around an organizing handbook. The handbook describes all the steps necessary to organize a legal information event. The kit provides a poster than can be filled out and copied, a press release form that can be used in the same way, and other materials such as a pre-registration form and a book on **Legal and Media Resources in Nova Scotia.**

This package has been designed especially for community groups and has several features that group members will appreciate. It provides step by step instructions and a planning guide to make sponsoring an event easy. It tells you how to plan for different kinds of audiences. The kit can be used in areas other than public legal education as well. It can help you with any information event.

For more information about PLE's **Speakers Bureau** or for your **Speaking of the Law** kit call PLE at (902) 423-7154 or toll-free 1-420-9779, or write to:

Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia
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Halifax, N.S.
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Feb 28	Young Offenders Act	Dartmouth	Tough Love Group
Feb 28	Right to Farm	Musquodoboit Valley	Musquodoboit Valley Community School
Feb 28	The Legal System	Sackville	Sackville Training & Employment Program
Mar 1	Wills & Estate Law	Whitney Pier	Whitney Pier Pensioners Club
Mar 2	Wills & Estate Law	Halifax	Mt. St. Vincent University
Mar 6	Criminal Law	Bridgewater	Parkview Education Centre
Mar 10	Police Powers	Sackville	Sackville Training & Employment Program
Mar 12	Wills & Estate Law	Truro	801 Mens Club
Mar 17	Common-law Relationships	Sackville	Sackville Training & Employment Program
Mar 22	Wills & Estate Law	Dartmouth	Dartmouth Regional Library
Apr 1	Criminal Law	Halifax	Halifax Regional Library
Apr 8	Teenage Rights	Halifax	Halifax Regional Library
Apr 11	Lawyers	Eastern Passage	Eastern Passage Jr. High
Apr 13	Legal Issues & Social Workers	Halifax	Halifax Infirmary
Apr 18	Wills & Estate Law	Cole Harbour	Cole Harbour Community School
Apr 20	Employment Law	Musquodoboit	Middle Musquodoboit Community School
Apr 29	Teenage Rights	Halifax	Mental Health Halifax
May 2	Intro to the Legal System	Halifax	Visual Language Interpreters' Program
May 5	The Court System	Sackville	Sackville Training & Employment Program
May 7	Young Offenders Act	Cleveland	West Bay Pastoral Charge
May 12	Common-law Relationships	Sackville	Sackville Training & Employment Program

May 19	Police Powers	Sackville	Sackville Training & Employment Program
May 23	Women and the Law	Sydney	Beta Sigma Phi
May 28	Seniors & the Law	Halifax	Community Contact for the Widowed
June 13	Wills & Estate Law	Halifax	Gordon B. Isenor Manor
June 14	Wills & Estate Law	Windsor	Hants County Homemaker Services
June 26	Legal Issues for Youth	Dartmouth	Princess Alex Adolescent Unit - NS Hospital
June 27	Teenagers & the Law	Sheet Harbour	Lea Place
June 28	Recreation Law	Wolfville	Municipal County of Kings Recreation Services
July 28	Powers of Attorney	Halifax	Camp Hill Hospital (Staff)
Sept 25	Employment Law	Halifax	Peer Partnership Resource Centre
Oct 5	Family & Childrens Service Workers	Morden	Western Kings Parents Rights Group
Oct 11	The Legal System	Halifax	Halifax Infirmary - Nursing Students
Oct 16	Copyright Law	Dartmouth	Computer User's Group
Oct 17	Buying & Selling Your Home	Sydney	McConnell Library
Oct 17	Legal Issues for Single Parents	Spryfield	Mainland South Branch Halifax Regional Library
Oct 17	Elder Abuse	Halifax	Comcare
Oct 17	Patients' Rights	Halifax	Comcare
Oct 25	How Law Affect Families	New Germany	Independent Living & the Canadian Families
Nov 21	Buying & Selling Your Home	Sackville	Sackville Community School
Nov 24	Buying & Selling Your Home	Spryfield	J.L. Ilsley High School

Nova Scotians: Your Rights to Special Services and Appealing Administrative Decisions

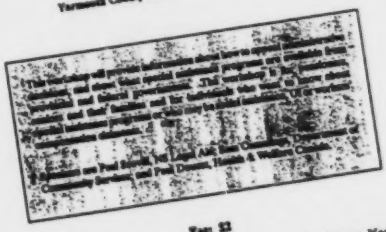
Tuesday, November 14, 1989

1:30 - 4:30 pm

(registration at 1 pm)

Kinsmen Centre, Main Street, Yarmouth

Sponsors: Public Legal Education Society of NS
&
Yarmouth County Affirmative Action Committee



Fee: $2

Registration: 1 pm, November 17, Kinsmen Centre, Main Street, Yarmouth

Per Further Information: Cherry Paris 245-4791
or
Public Legal Education Society, toll-free 1-420-9779

PLAIN LANGUAGE AND THE LAW

A Presentation by:

The Plain Language Centre of the
Canadian Law Information Council

and the

Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia

What do you need to know about plain language?
Why would you want to know about it?

Plain language is an idea that will have an impact on your legal practice, government forms and documents, and law school legal writing programs.

CLIC's Plain Language Centre is training lawyers how to communicate more effectively, more efficiently and at cost savings to the profession and the public.

An introductory presentation on the concept of plain language and its application to legal documents and forms will be available in Halifax.

This presentation is free of charge.
It is offered by the Canadian Law Information Council
with the cooperation and assistance of the Public Legal Eduction Society of NS

May 23, 1989

Nova Scotia Barristers' Society boardroom, 1475 Hollis St.

2:00 - 3:30 pm

Please let us know if you will be able to attend
Call Public Legal Education Society of NS at 423-7154

CHILDREN IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

A Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Issues

PROGRAM

Conference Objective

To examine legal and procedural issues in child sexual abuse cases, particularly from an interdisciplinary approach. The Conference will provide an opportunity to:

- discuss experiences with prosecutions in a number of disciplines
- identify problems
- discuss approaches
- consider solutions

This Conference is for:

- child protection workers
- social workers
- police
- mental health workers
- medical professionals
- judges, Crown prosecutors & defence counsel
- teachers & day care workers
- those working with offenders

Day 1

8:30 - 9:30 am Registration

9:30 - 9:45 am Welcoming remarks
in Child Sexual Abuse Cases

9:45 - 10:45 am Panel: The Legal Framework

- The evolution of child victims by the justice system - an historical review
- Recent changes in the laws of evidence in child sexual abuse cases
- Implications of the changes to the child victim, police, social workers, health care workers, crown counsel and defence lawyers

10:45 - 11:00 am Refreshment break

11:00 - 12:30 pm Workshops (Choose 1)

1) Pre-charge issues
- disclosure by victim
- duty to report
- who becomes involved and in what capacity
- gathering information - the initial interview, assessment of the case, medical examination
- how the decision to prosecute is made
- rights of the accused

Day 2

9:30 - 9:45 am Welcome

9:45-10:45 am Panel: Working across disciplines

Two views of procedures to deal with child sexual abuse cases at the local level, and how to get the support of senior levels of government, police and others. Members from Community Services, the Attorney-General and the police will be invited.

10:45 - 11:00 am Refreshment break

11:00 - 12:30 pm Discussion/working groups
- developing a personal process
- the care and feeding of personnel

A model or suggested structure will be presented to provide a focus for discussion and resolution of identified problems. Participants will be asked to identify issues requiring professional development and issues in their communities.

12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch (provided)

1:30 - 2:30 pm Reporting session

Discussion/working groups will bring their priority suggestions to the larger group. The Conference sponsors will relay these suggestions to provincial Ministers of Community Services and Health and the Attorney-General, and to the federal Ministers of Justice and Health.

2:30 - 2:45 pm Refreshment break

2:45 - 3:45 pm What Does This Bring Us To?
Reviewing our progress

What did we learn? What was missing from this Conference? How do we go forward from this point? This session will be led by the Conference conveners, who will assess these two days and try to determine what is required for follow-up.

Registration Information

$115 before December 31, 1988
$130 after December 31, 1988
(includes 2 lunches & refreshment breaks)

The enclosed registration form should be mailed to:
Public Legal Education Society
1127 Barrington Street
Halifax, N. S. B3H 2P6

Please make cheques payable to the PLE Society of NS

Telephone enquiries:
PLE Society 423-7154 or toll-free 1-420-9779
NSFCWA 423-1316

1:30 - 3:00 pm

3:00 - 3:15 pm Refreshment break

3:15 - 4:45 pm Workshops, repeated

Children in the Justice System

A Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Issues

February 23 & 24, 1989
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, N. S.

Sponsors:
N S Family & Child Welfare Assoc.
Public Legal Education Society of NS

Dec 12	Employment Law	Truro	Princess Margaret Rose School
Dec 14	Wills & Estate Law	Truro	Princess Margaret Rose School

Law classes, conferences, workshops offered in 1989:

DATE:	SUBJECT:	LOCATION:
Feb 9-23	"Legal-ease: a practical introduction to the Law" 3-part series	Parrsboro
Feb 21	"Law for Non-Profit Organizations" One-day seminar	Mt. St. Vincent Univ. Halifax
Feb 23-24	"Children in the Justice System" A Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Issues 2-day conference	St. Mary's Univ. Halifax
Mar 2-16	"Wills & Estate Law" 3-part series	Mt. St. Vincent Univ. Halifax
May 23	"Plain Language" seminar	Halifax
Sept 9	"Law for Non-Profit Organizations" 1/2 day seminar	NS Teachers' College Truro
Oct 28	"Law for Non-Profit Organizations" workshop	Colchester County
Nov 2	"Family Violence" Workshop 1/2 day seminar	Halifax
Nov 7-21	"Wills & Estate Planning" 3-part series	Sackville
Nov 14	"Nova Scotians: Your Rights to Special Services and Appealing Administrative Decisions" 1/2 day seminar	Yarmouth

Displays held in 1989:

Feb 23-24	"Children in the Justice System" A Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Issues	St. Mary's Univ. Halifax
March 29	Nova Scotia Heart Foundation Heart Walk Program	Halifax
Aug 23-25	Metro Council on Continuing Education	Halifax
Oct 13	Public Service Alliance of Canada	Dartmouth
Oct 20-21	"Small Business Week" Eastern Shore Development Commisison	Musquodoboit Hbr.
Oct 23	"Multicultural Business Conference" Federal Business Development Bank	Halifax
Oct 27	Social Studies Teachers'Association Conference	Halifax
Nov 2	Seniors Awareness Night	Mahone Bay
Nov 8	"Community Services Awareness Exhibit" Family Medicine Centre, Dalhousie University	Halifax

PLE's Library has books on most legal topics.

Join us to READ about the law!!

INFORMATION SERVICES

Telephone Information Service

PLE's telephone information and referral service formally started in September of 1987. This toll-free service enables people from across the province to call free of charge in order to have basic legal questions answered, to get access to resource materials on the law, and to find out about other sources of help in dealing with legal problems.

Calls to PLE cover a wide and varied range of subjects. Family law has always been the most commonly asked about topic, accounting for more than one third of all calls. Other common inquiries include questions such as:

- What happens in court and what is the range of sentences for common criminal offences such as shoplifting or impaired driving?

- What can a collection agency do to me if I can't pay a debt?

- What can I do if I am not satisfied with a product or a service I've purchased?

- Can I prepare my own will?

1989 marked the telephone service's second full year of operation. The statistical summaries which follow show that the service continues to be extremely successful and increasingly popular with Nova Scotians. The 6585 calls handled in 1989 represent a 23% increase over the volume of calls received in 1988, and a 366% increase over 1987.

PLE Library Resources

In addition to the telephone service and as research support for it, PLE also maintains a 2000+ volume lending library. The library includes federal and provincial statutes, basic legal research materials, text books and other teaching aids, and an extensive collection of books on legal issues which are written for the general public rather than legal profession.

The library is also a depository for Nova Scotia Government materials. This means that we receive a wide selection of government documents free of charge, so we can make these materials available to the public.

Other library resources include a wide range of free information publications from other organizations, a large collection of pamphlets, clippings and related materials, as well as video tapes and other audio visual items on legal topics.

These resources were used by over 350 people in 1989, including students, teachers, those researching personal legal problems and many others. 400 books were borrowed from the library in 1989 in addition to materials used in-house or given out free of charge.

For Legal Information Phone

423-7154

or

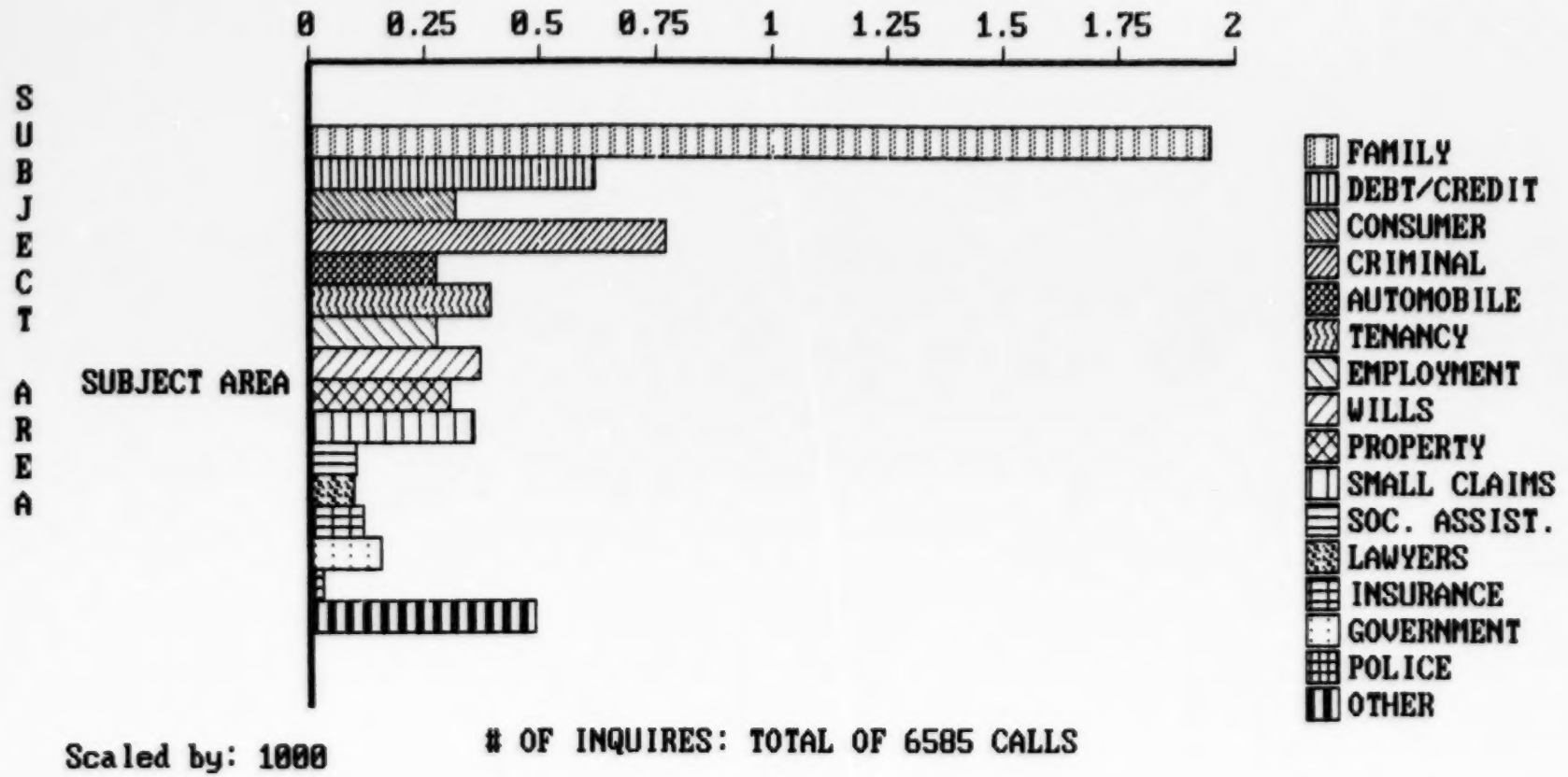
1-420-9779
(toll-free in Nova Scotia)

Telephone Information & Referral
Statistical Summary
January - December 1989

Subject of Call	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	1989 total to date	1988 totals for the year
Family	144	154	149	152	166	149	170	218	164	192	201	88	1947	1534
Debtor/Creditor	49	47	71	54	58	28	47	68	44	63	53	34	616	391
Consumer	20	24	28	26	26	36	28	26	33	28	26	16	317	275
Criminal	69	66	66	57	63	89	62	57	70	68	71	32	770	568
Motor Vehicle	21	26	36	23	19	16	23	22	21	28	20	19	274	-
Landlord/Tenant	34	24	30	27	39	53	38	34	34	33	31	24	391	315
Employment	21	25	24	16	24	15	23	21	29	31	32	13	274	-
Wills	36	37	34	33	26	42	31	24	26	38	29	11	367	411
Property	27	18	19	23	30	32	26	27	33	24	29	12	300	319
Torts	31	31	33	25	33	28	32	28	22	42	38	13	356	581
Community Services	8	16	9	11	9	6	7	3	7	9	8	5	98	-
Lawyers	6	5	9	5	10	14	4	8	10	6	9	8	94	-
Insurance	14	12	14	12	10	9	2	7	9	15	6	5	115	-
Government	9	10	19	9	14	10	13	16	14	12	15	11	152	-
Police	2	2	2	0	0	2	4	3	3	5	2	1	26	-
Other	45	48	23	45	35	47	40	40	38	54	46	27	488	970
Total	536	545	566	518	562	576	540	602	557	648	616	319	6585*	5364

* Phone line was unavailable from December 22, 1989 to January 2, 1990

Subject of Information Requests to PLE
January - December 1989



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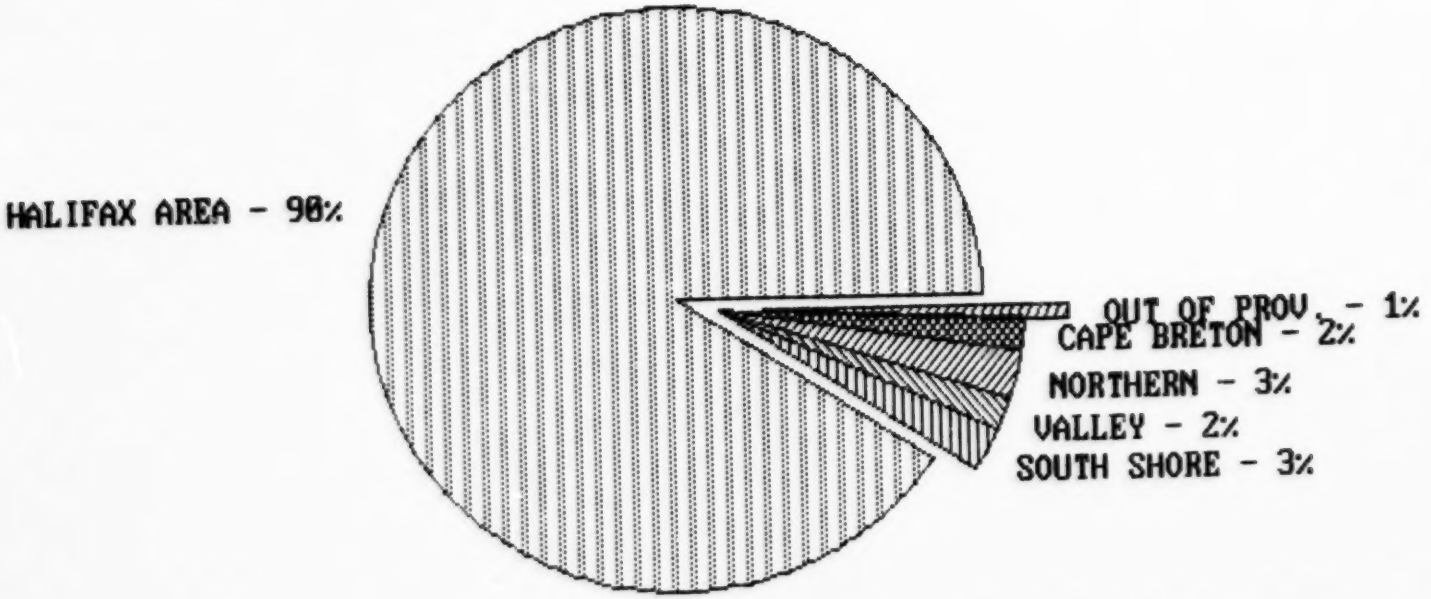
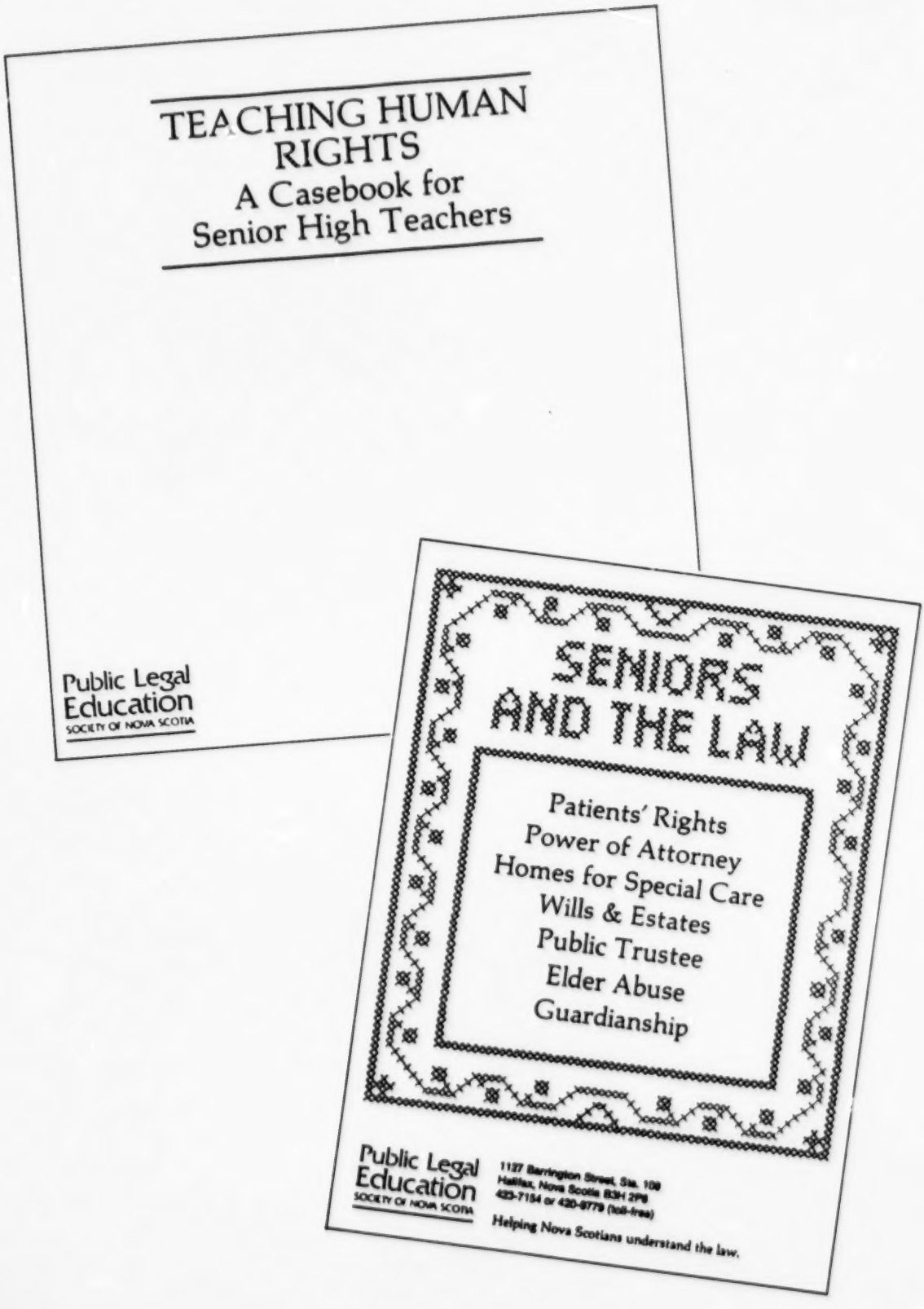
OF INQUIRES: TOTAL OF 6585 CALLS

Location of Callers to PLE
1989




TEACHING HUMAN RIGHTS
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Patients' Rights
Power of Attorney
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Helping Nova Scotians understand the law.

Special Projects

From time to time the Society receives grants to undertake special projects. The projects may develop new resources on the law for a particular target group, offer learning opportunities on particular aspects of the law, or have a community development focus. Sometimes a project will contain all three of these components.

Human Rights Project
1989 saw the completion of a three-part Human Rights Project which commenced in 1987.

The project was funded through the Department of the Secretary of State. The first two stages comprised development of materials, methodology, consultation, writing of the casebook and trial in-services.

The third stage from May 1988 - May 1989 saw the distribution of the casebook and a series of 21 in-services for teachers across the province based on the casebook for teachers.

Areas of human rights covered included discrimination on the basis of religion, physical or mental disabilities, sex, race, sexual harrasment and legal rights.

Regions covered by the in-services included, Cape Breton, North Shore, Eastern Pasage, South Shore, Halifax, Halifax County and the Valley.

Seniors and the Law Project
1989 saw the completion of the Seniors and the Law project and the very popular Seniors and the Law Kit. Funding was provided by Health and Welfare to develop health law materials for seniors and seniors' advocates and to hold a series of workshops around the province based on the kit. Brochures were finished on **Patients' Rights, Powers of Attorney, Elder Abuse, Public Trustee, Guardianship, When you Need Help to Mange in Your Home, and Homes for Special Care.** These were assembled in the kit along with information on Wills and Estate Law and other support material making the kit an excellent resource of understandable legal information. In the last five months of 1989, 1012 kits were distributed throughout the province.

Close to 300 seniors and care givers participated in legal information workshops based on the kit in Pictou, Sydney Mines, Chester, Yarmouth, Sheet Harbour and Bridgetown. PLE also assisted in the planning of other information sessions at the request of groups that became aware of the Seniors and the Law kit. Frequent requests were on Elder Abuse and Patients' Rights.

Summer Student Projects
Funding from Employment and Immigration Canada allowed us to hire a student to provide administrative support to several of the Strategic Planning sub-committees and to the Executive Director.

Nova Scotia Department of Development provided funding for a student of public relations to work with our PR/Communications Committee over the summer months.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1989

HEMMING & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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1959 UPPER WATER STREET
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA
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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members
The Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia

We have examined the balance sheet of The Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia as at December 31, 1989 and the statement of loss and surplus for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion and according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the society, these financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the society as at December 31, 1989 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Hemming & Co.

Halifax, N.S.
February 5, 1990

THE PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1989

ASSETS	1989	1988
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and term deposits	$20,991	$12,793
Accounts receivable (Note 2)	192	2,788
Prepaid expenses	1,670	328
	22,853	15,909
FIXED ASSETS (Note 3)		
Furniture, fixtures and equipment, at cost	32,112	33,017
Accumulated depreciation	17,026	16,389
	15,086	16,628
CAPITAL ASSETS LEASED (Note 1)		
Equipment, at cost	18,213	18,213
Accumulated depreciation	10,928	7,285
	7,285	10,928
	$45,224	$43,465
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$ 4,217	$ 3,690
Deferred grant revenue (Note 4)	29,136	8,532
Current portion of lease payable	5,651	5,651
	39,004	17,873
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Capital lease (Note 5)	10,487	13,798
Less current portion	5,651	5,651
	4,836	8,147
SURPLUS		
SURPLUS	1,384	17,445
	$45,224	$43,465

THE PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA

STATEMENT OF LOSS AND SURPLUS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

	1989	1988
REVENUE		
Grants - Law Foundation grant	$130,000	$104,000
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society	18,333	23,333
- Department of Justice	52,500	-
- Other grants (Schedule 1)	(1,281)	916
Other - Publication sales	13,861	11,060
- Sundry	48,172	19,598
	261,585	158,907
EXPENSES		
Program expenses (Schedule 2 and Note 6)	275,972	164,319
Loss on disposal of fixed asset	1,674	-
	277,646	164,319
NET LOSS	(16,061)	(5,412)
Surplus at beginning of year	17,445	22,857
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	$ 1,384	$ 17,445

THE PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Fixed assets are recorded at cost and are being depreciated using the diminishing balance method at 20% per annum.

(b) Capital assets leased are stated at cost and are being depreciated using the straight-line method over 5 years.

2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	1989	1988
Department of Justice	$ -	$ 2,440
Miscellaneous	192	348
	$ 192	$ 2,788

3. FIXED ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net 1989	Net 1988
Office equipment	$20,205	$10,252	$ 9,953	$11,390
Furniture and fixtures	11,907	6,774	5,133	5,238
	$32,112	$17,026	$15,086	$16,628

4. DEFERRED GRANT REVENUE

	1989	1988
Secretary of State Human Rights Project	$ -	$ 3,479
Department of Justice	16,033	-
Secretary of State Legal Affairs in Order	12,553	-
Health and Welfare - Seniors	-	5,053
1990 Teachers' Conference	550	-
	$29,136	$ 8,532

Deferred grant revenue represents grant advances received in excess of expenditures during the year which will be used to fund the project activities in the following year.

5. CAPITAL LEASE

Minimum lease payments:

1990	$ 5,651
1991	5,651
1992	5,651
1993	936
	17,889
Less interest	7,402
	$10,487

6. EXPENSES

Administration expenses were allocated to the various programs based on the following formula:

Schools	5%
Telephone	10%
Publications	45%
Law Classes and Workshops	20%
Public Legal Education Library	20%
	100%

THE PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA

SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

	Legal Affairs in Order	C.E.I.C. Section 25	C.E.I.C. Seed
TOTAL GRANT APPROVED	$17,144	$3,250	$3,471
Grant revenue received in year	$17,144	$3,250	$3,468
Grant revenue receivable in 1989	-	-	-
Grant revenue deferred to 1990	(12,552)	-	-
	4,592	3,250	3,468
Expenses incurred in year	4,592	3,250	3,471
EXCESS OF REVENUE RETAINED	$ -	$ -	($ 3)

Child Sexual Abuse Videos Feasibility Study	Secretary of State Human Rights	Health and Welfare Seniors Project	Totals 1989	Totals 1988
$18,229	$29,826	$80,649	$152,569	$196,317
$18,229	$ 3,479	$33,449	$ 79,019	$123,381
-	-	-	-	2,440
-	-	-	(12,552)	(8,532)
18,229	3,479	33,449	66,467	117,289
18,557	4,066	33,812	67,748	116,373
($ 328)	($ 587)	($ 363)	($ 1,281)	$ 916

THE PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA

ALLOCATION OF PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

	Administrative	Schools	Telephone
Salaries and employee benefits	$ 69,901	$ -	$ -
Staff travel	2,355	-	-
Office supplies	4,931	-	-
Advertising and promotion	2,576	-	-
Memberships	922	-	-
Telephone	6,217	-	-
Postage	6,347	-	-
Insurance	526	-	-
Interest and bank charges	2,978	-	-
Rent and electricity	20,334	-	-
Professional fees	2,100	-	-
Miscellaneous	3,508	-	-
Depreciation	7,414	-	-
Program services	-	-	-
Board and committee expenses	2,556	-	-
Library purchases	-	-	-
Video production	-	44	-
Publication expenses	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs	1,665	-	-
Information and referral	-	-	52,610
Fund raising costs	6,967	-	-
Photocopies	4,392	-	-
Equipment rental	1,869	-	-
	147,558	44	52,610
Allocation of administrative expenses	(147,558)	7,378	14,755
	$ -	$7,422	$67,365

Publications	Law Classes and Workshops	Public Legal Education Library	Total
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 69,901
-	-	-	2,355
-	-	-	4,931
-	-	-	2,576
-	-	-	922
-	-	-	6,217
-	-	-	6,347
-	-	-	526
-	-	-	2,978
-	-	-	20,334
-	-	-	2,100
-	-	-	3,508
-	-	-	7,414
-	25,552	-	25,552
-	-	-	2,556
-	-	6,984	6,984
-	-	-	44
43,224	-	-	43,224
-	-	-	1,665
-	-	-	52,610
-	-	-	6,967
-	-	-	4,392
-	-	-	1,869
43,224	25,552	6,984	$275,972
66,401	29,512	29,512	
$109,625	$55,064	$36,496	